

Rule 23. Intervention**23.01 Intervention of Right**

Subdivision 1. Child. A child who is the subject of the juvenile protection matter shall have the right to intervene as a party.

Subd. 2. Grandparents. Any grandparent of the child shall have the right to intervene as a party if the child has lived with the grandparent within the two (2) years preceding the filing of the petition.

Subd. 3. Parent. Any parent who is not a legal custodian of the child shall have the right to intervene as a party.

Subd. 4. Social Services Agency. The responsible social services agency shall have the right to intervene as a party in a case where the responsible social services agency is not the petitioner.

(Amended effective January 1, 2004.)

23.02 Permissive Intervention

Any person may be permitted to intervene as a party if the court finds that such intervention is in the best interests of the child.

(Amended effective January 1, 2004.)

23.03 Procedure

Subdivision 1. Intervention of Right. A person with a right to intervene pursuant to Rule 23.01 shall file with the court and serve upon all parties and the county attorney a notice of intervention, which shall include the basis for a claim to intervene. The notice of intervention as a matter of right form shall be available from the court administrator. The intervention shall be deemed accomplished upon service of the notice of intervention, unless a party or the county attorney files and serves a written objection within ten (10) days of the date of service. If a written objection is timely filed and served, the court shall schedule a hearing for the next available date.

Subd. 2. Permissive Intervention. A person, including the county attorney in a case where the responsible social services agency is not the petitioner, seeking permissive intervention pursuant to Rule 23.02 shall file with the court and serve upon all parties and the county attorney a notice of motion and motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 15. The notice shall state the nature and extent of the person's interest in the child and the reason(s) that the person's intervention would be in the best interests of the child. A hearing on a motion to intervene shall be held within ten (10) days of the filing of the motion to intervene.

(Amended effective January 1, 2004.)

23.04 Effect of Intervention

The court may conduct hearings, make findings, and issue orders at any time prior to intervention being accomplished or denied. The intervention shall be effective as of the date granted and prior proceedings and decisions of the court shall not be affected.